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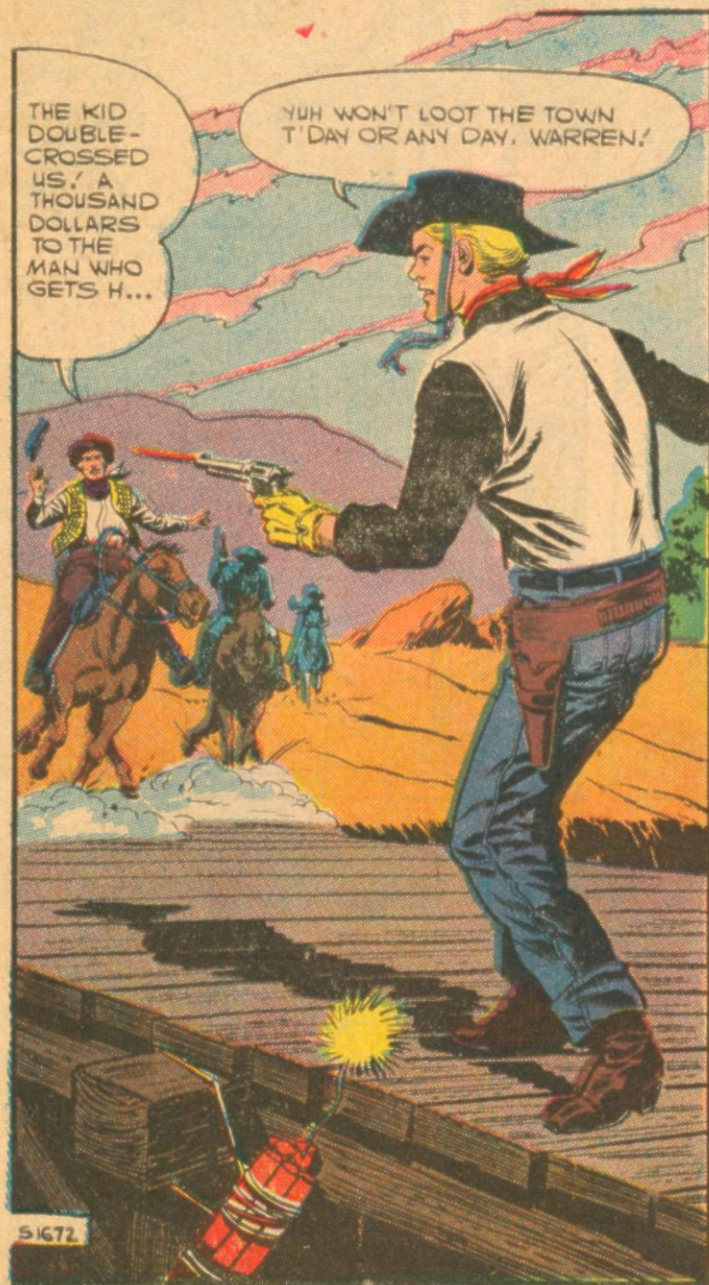
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BILLY THE KID

in **BOOM OR BUST**

AFTER YEARS OF FIGHTING INDIANS AND OUTLAWS AND THE WEATHER, IT LOOKED LIKE HAPPY DAYS AHEAD FOR BETTERTON. THE RAILROAD WAS COMING AND THE LAND WAS BOOMING. THEN, THE BUBBLE BURST... THE RAILROAD CANCELLED ITS PLANS AND THE OUTLAWS RETURNED. THE ENTIRE FUTURE OF THE TOWN RODE ON ONE MAN'S SHOULDERS, BILLY THE KID.



BILLY THE KID LIKED THE TOWN WHEN HE FIRST ARRIVED. EVERYONE WAS HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS.

MORNIN', JOE! THAT'S A NEW BUGGY, ISN'T IT?

SHO' IS, CLINT! I'M DOIN' FINE THESE DAYS!



TOWN'S DOIN' RIGHT WELL, MR. HUDKINS! I WAS THINKIN' OF SETTLIN' DOWN HERE!

WELL, THINK AGAIN, LAND'S HIGH AN' WE DON'T WANT ANY SADDLE TRAMP FOR A NEIGHBOR!



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BILL BONNEY KEPT HIS TEMPER IN CHECK. HE DISLIKED HUDKINS BUT HE WANTED TO BE PEACEABLE IN THE NEW TOWN...

LISTEN, SONNY, I... YEEOW!

RUBE'S BEEN NEEDIN' A COMEDOWN, MISTER!

TOWN LOOKS GOOD. WHY ALL THE SMILES?

THE LEAN DAYS ARE OVER, STRANGER. THE RAILROAD'S BUILDING THROUGH HERE. LAND'S GOIN' SKY HIGH!



WHAT'LL IT BE, SONNY? SODA POP?

THAT'S RIGHT, AND DON'T CALL ME SONNY OR I'LL GIT MAD.



HEY! A MESSENGER JUST GOT IN FROM PHOENIX. HE'S GOT NEWS ABOUT THE RAILROAD!

BAD NEWS, FOLKS! THE RAILROAD CANCELLED THE PLAN TO BUILD THROUGH HERE. IT'S GOIN' FURTHER NORTH.

I'M RUINED!



THE NEWS HIT WITH SICKENING IMPACT. WITHIN MINUTES, LAND PRICES WERE A SMALL FRACTION OF WHAT THEY'D BEEN... THEN...

I'VE SEEN THAT RANNY BEFORE. I WANT ANOTHER LOOK AT HIM!



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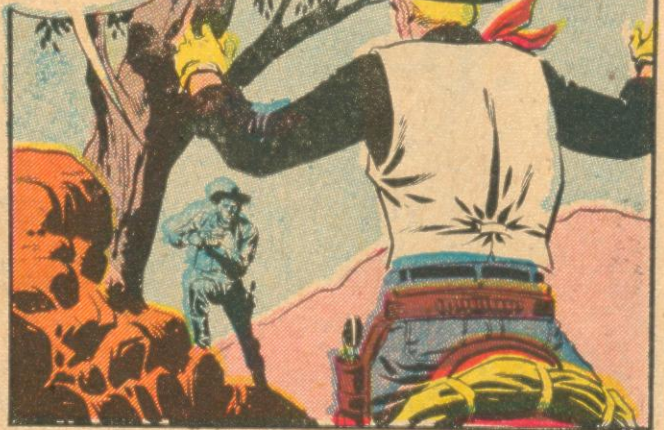
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WHOA, SONNY! WHERE YUH HEADED?

I'M JUST MAKIN' MYSELF SCARCE! I'M REAL UN-POPULAR IN BETTERTON!



WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

I GOT ORDERS TUH BRING ANY SNOOPERS IN! LINK WARREN'LL TELL YUH THE REST!

WHO'S THE KID? WHAT DO YUH WANT, SONNY?

DON'T CALL ME SONNY! THIS CHUMP MADE THE SAME MISTAKE!



AN' I DON'T LIKE IT!



OKAY, MISTER, I'M CONVINCED! HONEST MEN DON'T THROW LEAD THAT FAST! COME INSIDE!

THAT'S BETTER! I KNEW I WAS IN WITH RIGHT GUYS WHEN I SAW YUH!



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WE NEED FAST GUNSLINGERS! HERE'S SOME DOUGH-- MORE COMIN' IF YUH THROW IN WITH US! ARE YUH IN?

WHY NOT? I NEED THE MONEY! WHO DO YUH WANT SHOT?

YOUNG BONNEY KNEW HE WAS IN DANGER! IF HE DIDN'T THROW IN WITH WARREN'S PLANS, HE'D NEVER LEAVE THE OUTLAW ROOST ALIVE! HE HAD TO PRETEND TO JOIN THEM OR ELSE...

RAID BETTERTON? WHAT IS THIS-- A WAR?

NAH! IT'S OUR JOB TO ENCOURAGE SOME OF THEM TUH SELL OUT CHEAP! WHILE WE'RE DOIN' IT, WE CAN PICK UP ALL THE STRAY LOOT IN TOWN!

UNSADDLE AND GRAB SOME CHOW! JUST KEEP YOUR COLT READY! WE'RE GONNA RAID BETTERTON THIS AFTERNOON!



BILLY LOLLED AROUND ALL DAY! THE GANG WAS ITCHING FOR ACTION WHEN THEY ROLLED INTO THEIR BLANKETS THAT NIGHT...



I WONDER WHAT DELAYED THE RAID! IT'LL GIVE ME MORE TIME TO FIGURE A WAY TUH WARN THE FOLKS IN... HEY, WHO'S THAT?

WE WAITED FOR YORE SIGNAL! WHAT HAPPENED?

SOME FOOL KID RAISED A RUCKUS! IF YUH RODE IN THEN, YUH'D MEET HALF THE TOWN ARMED TUH THE TEETH!

MAKE IT TOMORROW AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK! COME SHOOTIN'! PUT A GOOD MAN ON THE BRIDGE WITH THE DYNAMITE!

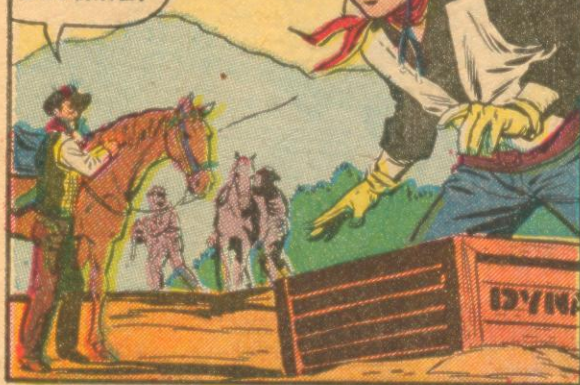


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NEXT MORNING...

SADDLE UP, BOYS! BONNEY, YOU TAKE THE DYNAMITE!

WHAT DO I DO WITH IT? THAT'S TOUCHY STUFF!



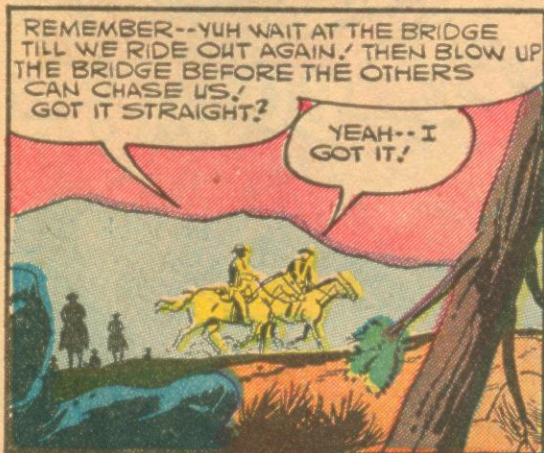
THE WOODEN BRIDGE HAS TO BE BLOWN UP! YOU DO IT! ANOTHER THING--YOU WON'T TRY A DOUBLE CROSS WITH THAT STUFF ON YORE SADDLE! A BULLET WOULD SHORE MAKE YUH HARD TO FIND!



CLINT WARREN'S OUTLAWS WERE UN-OBSERVED ON THE TRAIL TO TOWN! THIRTY MEN WERE EN ROUTE TO DELIBERATELY WRECK A TOWN...

REMEMBER--YUH WAIT AT THE BRIDGE TILL WE RIDE OUT AGAIN! THEN BLOW UP THE BRIDGE BEFORE THE OTHERS CAN CHASE US! GOT IT STRAIGHT?

YEAH--I GOT IT!



HEY! WHERE YUH GOIN'? STOP, YUH DANGED IDIOT!

I'LL SEE YUH AT THE BRIDGE!



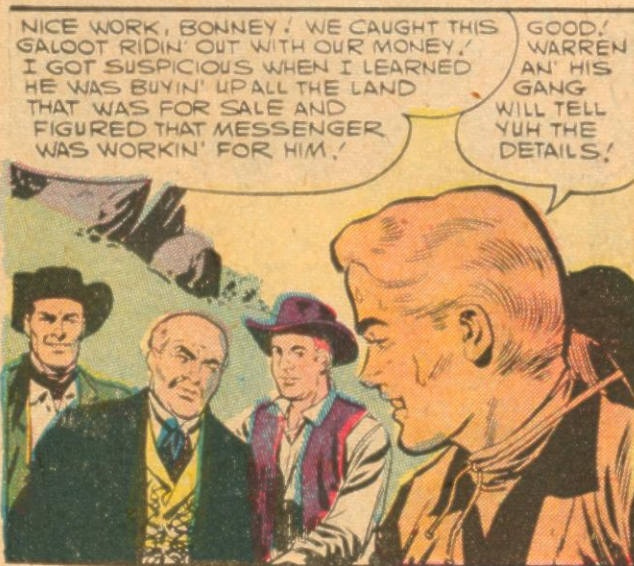
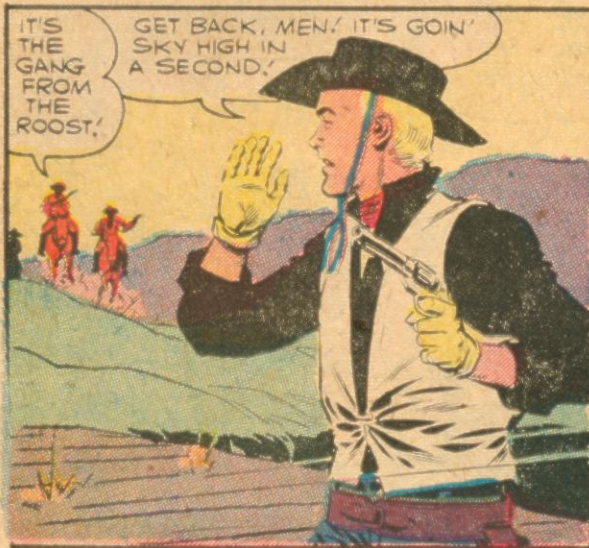
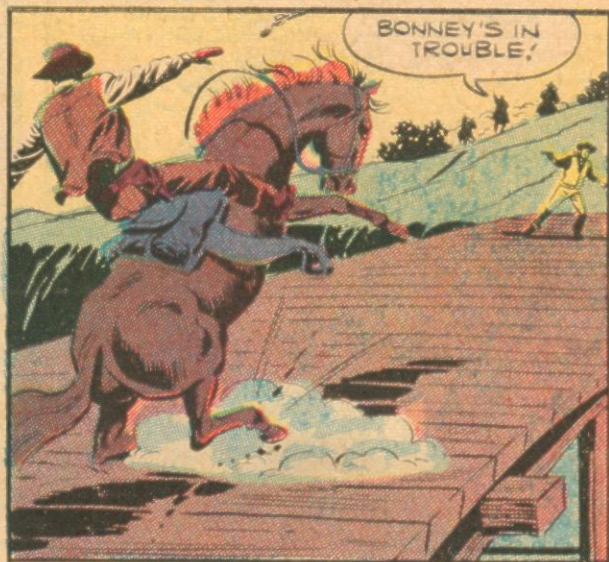
WARREN SHOUTED THE ALARM AND BEGAN FIRING... BUT BILLY HAD A GOOD LEAD...



I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME! I HOPE SOME OF THOSE TRIGGER HAPPY RANNIES WHO THREW LEAD AT ME YESTERDAY GOT THEIR GUNS HANDY TODAY!



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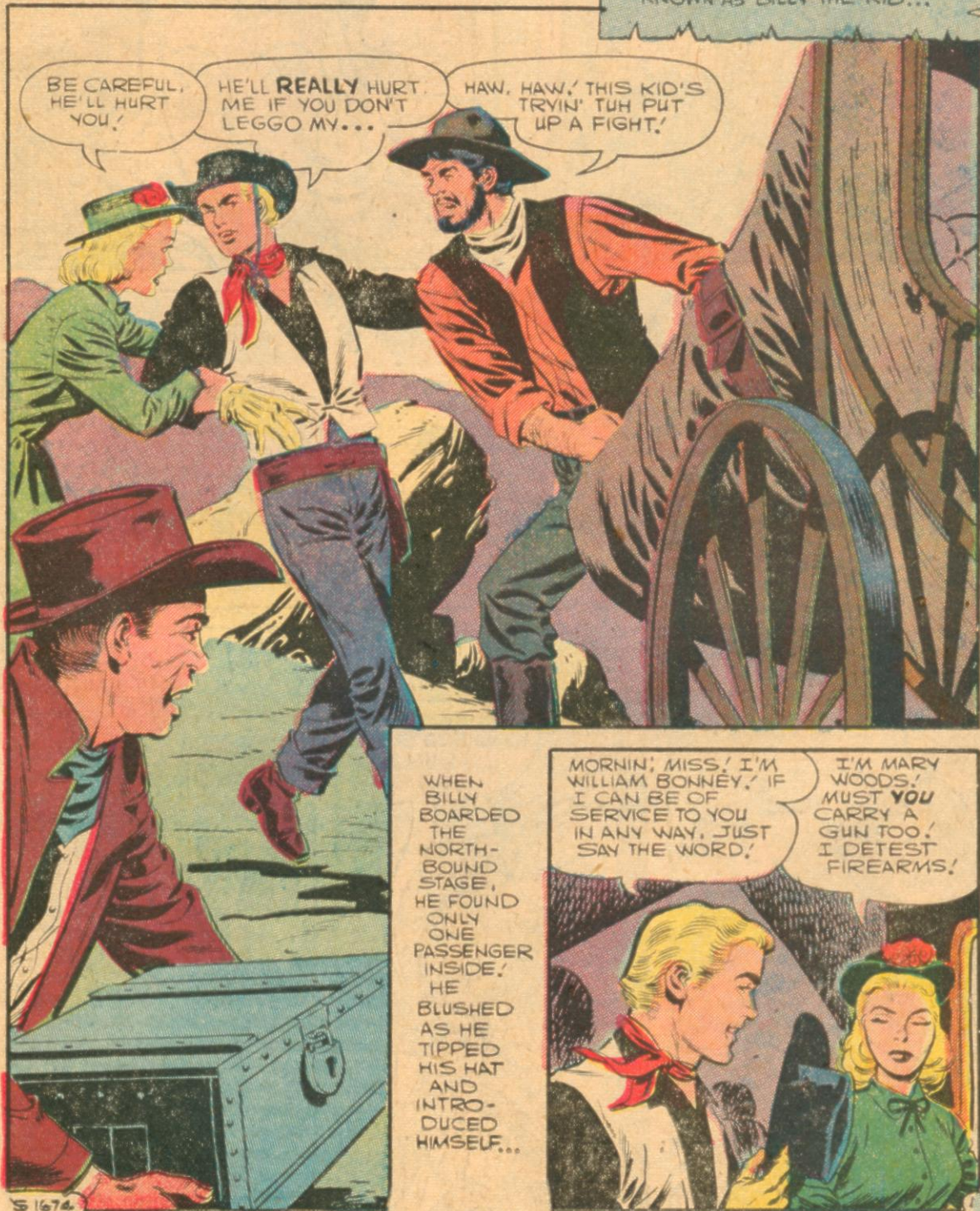
THEY'LL BE EASY TUH ROUND UP NOW THAT HUDKINS IS CAUGHT! HE'LL TALK PLENTY, I BET!

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BILLY THE KID

in POOR BILLY

THE IRON BOX ON TOP OF THE STAGE WAS LOADED WITH GOLD... EASY PICKINGS FOR THE OUTLAW GANG LYING IN WAIT! WHAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT THE SLIM BOYISH LOOKING MAN INSIDE WAS WILLIAM BONNEY, BETTER KNOWN AS BILLY THE KID...



BE CAREFUL, HE'LL HURT YOU!

HE'LL REALLY HURT ME IF YOU DON'T LEGGO MY...

HAW, HAW, THIS KID'S TRYIN' TUH PUT UP A FIGHT!

WHEN BILLY BOARDED THE NORTH-BOUND STAGE, HE FOUND ONLY ONE PASSENGER INSIDE! HE BLUSHED AS HE TIPPED HIS HAT AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF...

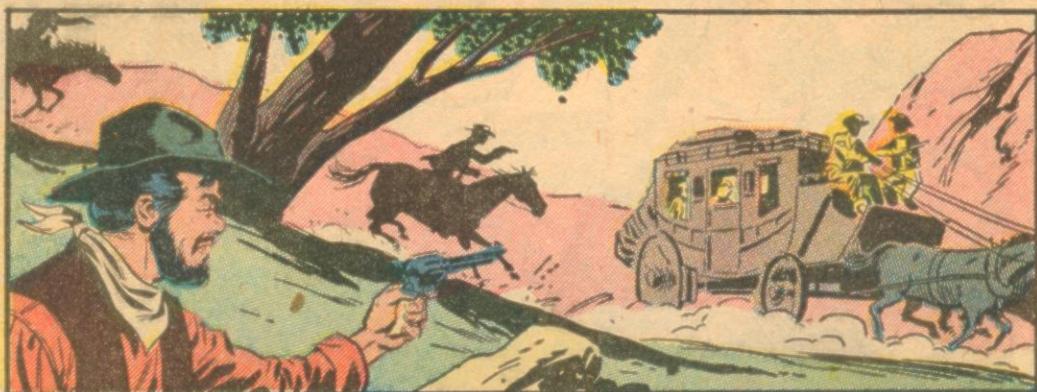
MORNIN', MISS! I'M WILLIAM BONNEY! IF I CAN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU IN ANY WAY, JUST SAY THE WORD!

I'M MARY WOODS! MUST YOU CARRY A GUN TOO! I DETEST FIREARMS!

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THEN, AS THE STAGE-COACH ROUNDED THE TOP OF A HILL...



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'YUH WON'T NEED THE GUN, SONNY. JUST TAKE CARE OF YORE AUNT.'

SHE'S NOT MY AUNT AN' DON'T CALL ME SONNY.'



I'LL CALL YUH WORSE'N THAT IF YUH DON'T PIPE DOWN.'

I'M GETTIN' RILED...

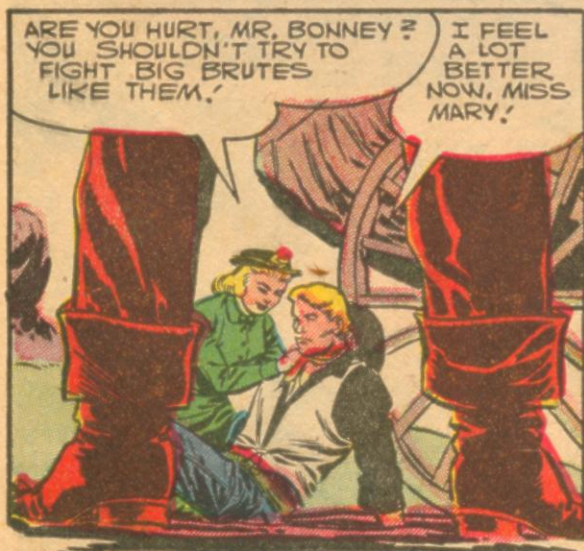


... AN' WHEN I GET RILED, I LET FOLKS KNOW ABOUT IT.'



LET GO, MISS MARY.'

I'LL QUIET 'IM DOWN.'



ARE YOU HURT, MR. BONNEY? YOU SHOULDN'T TRY TO FIGHT BIG BRUTES LIKE THEM.'

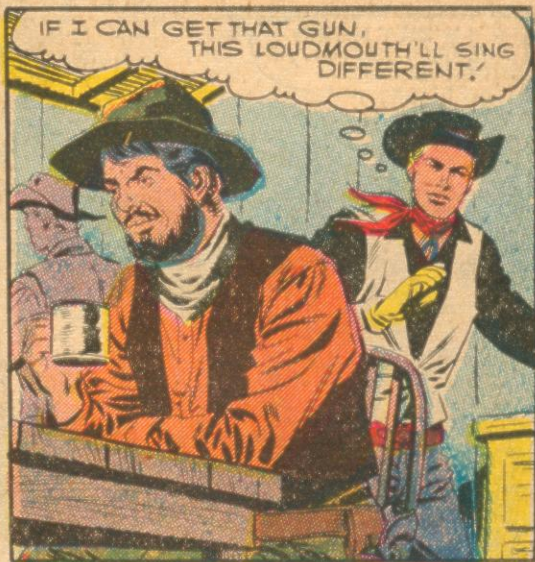
I FEEL A LOT BETTER NOW, MISS MARY.'



THAT'S ENOUGH OF THE HEARTS AND FLOWERS ROUTINE. GET ON ONE OF THE HORSES. WE'RE TAKIN' YUH AN' THE GIRL WITH US.'

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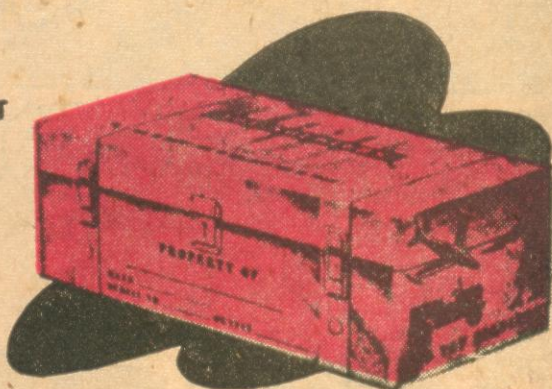




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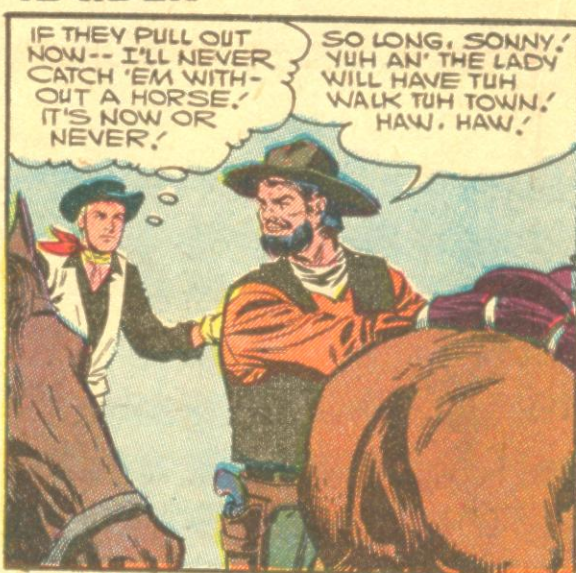
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BILLY DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE A TRY. EVERYWHERE HE MOVED, THE GIRL WAS THERE TOO, TRYING TO HELP...



LET ME HELP YOU! YOU'RE UNSTEADY ON YOUR FEET!

LOOK, MISS MARY, I CAN MANAGE! IF YOU HELP ME MUCH MORE, I'LL BE LAID UP PERMANENTLY.



IF THEY PULL OUT NOW-- I'LL NEVER CATCH 'EM WITHOUT A HORSE. IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

SO LONG, SONNY! YUH AN' THE LADY WILL HAVE TUH WALK TUH TOWN! HAW, HAW!



I'M NOT WALKIN' ANYWHERE, BIG MOUTH!



THANKS FOR THE GUN, BUSTER!

WATCH 'IM!



NO, YUH DON'T!

YOU... YOU SHOT HIM!



YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF! HE'S HURT, THE POOR FELLOW!

I GIVE UP! I'M GLAD YOU WON'T BE HELPING ANYMORE! WITH A FRIEND LIKE YOU, I DON'T NEED ENEMIES! I BETTER TAKE THESE HOMBRES IN!

END

THE REAL TWO GUN SMITH

The man sitting alone at the table was clean-shaven and probably not older than thirty-two or three. His chestnut brown hair was clipped close to the scalp. You would say he was about six feet two. He was enjoying his breakfast. Yet at the same time he was well aware that the two men at the adjacent table were eyeing him carefully.

"That's the kind of man we want," remarked Mayor Philip Shinder. "I don't think we'll have to travel to St. Louis."

"The sooner we get back home, the better" replied Edward Moran, editor of the weekly Mortontown News. "I don't like the idea of my daughter Helen being alone. I know she is capable of handling a gun, but you never can tell what Bill Jessup and his gang will do."

The man at the table arose and walked to the adjacent table. He faced the two men and spoke.

"I enjoyed my bacon and eggs. The coffee was fair, but I don't think I enjoyed you two giving me the up and down. Am I wanted for something? Or perhaps I look like an old friend. Which is it?"

"Neither," replied the editor. "Permit me to make the introductions. My friend is Mayor Philip Shinder of Mortontown. I am the editor of a struggling newspaper in the same place. We are both headed for St. Louis. Our object is to find a good law man who can get rid of a gang that is slowly but firmly taking over our town. He will be the town marshal and be given a free hand. In addition we have a large sum of money to give him as his salary."

"My name is Albert Smith," declared the man. "I'm here on some business. Too bad I'm not the man you want."

"Smith," smiled the Mayor. "A good honest name. You find a lot of Smiths in this country. Now if you were two gun Smith, the famous U.S. Marshal, that would be something. With his long hair, dropping mustache, he does make quite a dashing figure. I understand from the papers he is in Mexico at present. Seems the government down there sort of temporarily borrowed

him to head an expedition in Sonora against Pedro Martiz, the bandit."

"Smith," echoed the editor. "If you wore two guns, you would really be a two gun Smith. With a thousand dollars a month for salary and you could save every penny of it. Room and board and a good horse all provided."

Albert Smith opened his mouth to say something. He hesitated and finally spoke.

"Is this some kind of a joke? Give me two months salary in advance and you have yourself a law man. I never heard of so much money being paid by any place in this country. Beats anything in Dodge City or Abilene."

Five hours later the three men were in a stage headed back to Mortontown. The editor was giving the town's new marshal the background of Bill Jessup and his gang.

"We aren't far from Chief Long Feathers and his tribe. They say his braves have made raids deep into Texas. We sort of pay Bill Jessup what can best be called insurance to protect up from a raid. We don't know how he does it, but we have no trouble with the redskins."

"Slowly Bill Jessup and his gang have been trying to take things over in the town," interrupted the editor. "They have even tried to tell me what to print."

"All you have to do is notify the federal authorities," said Albert Smith. "You can get troops from Fort Henderson to protect you."

"His men keep an eye on everybody entering and leaving town," said the Mayor. "We skipped out on a dark night and met the stage thirty miles out of town."

The trip to Mortontown took five days. It was uneventful and the stage finally pulled into its destination. Mike Devis, the driver, stopped in front of the office of the newspaper. Helen Moran was on hand to greet her father.

"Did you bring me the list of things I gave you from St. Louis," she demanded.

"Never got there," replied Edward Moran.

"But you brought something else back," said a heavy voice owned by a husky man who wore

a close cropped black beard. "A law man to give us a lesson. We let the stage come through. Tell him to get out so we can tell him what to do."

There was silence when Bill Jessup had finished speaking. Albert Smith heard the words. He walked out of the stage and started to walk along Main Street.

"You haven't my permission to come and visit this town," said Bill Jessup.

"You haven't my permission to remain here," snapped back the new marshal. "First thing wrong you do and you land behind bars. Don't try to go for your guns. That applies to you and your two cronies. My name is Two Gun Smith.

Sometimes we have only a fraction of a second in which to make a decision. What we do will affect our well-being as well as the happiness of others. Bill Jessup wanted to continue living.

"Just kidding," he said with a forced smile. "With a famous law man like you around, I'm certain there won't be any trouble."

The group of people who heard the conversation passed it on to others. The reign of Bill Jessup had come to an end. That was what the town felt. However in the backroom of the Happy Casino, Bill Jessup sat at a table with his men.

"Do we stay here or leave?" asked Lee Quirk. "They say he is faster than lightning with his guns. Got a hankering to continue breathing fresh air."

"Next Monday we make our collection as usual," announced Bill Jessup. "Six of us to one of him. We stay."

For two days, Albert Smith vanished from town. Then he reappeared. He spent most of his time in the afternoon at the newspaper office. Definitely he was interested in Helen, but she found out she had to do most of the speaking.

"You certainly are the quietest man I ever met," she admitted. "However I know you can speak."

"Let's visit the Happy Casino tonight," he suggested. "I'm sure things will not be dull."

All that day, Bill Jessup and his men made their "collections." The marshal made no step to interfere. At night they were all in the Happy Casino. The last to pay was Dave Garfield, owner of the establishment. He placed a small bag of silver dollars on the bar.

"That money is for the Indians?" asked Albert Smith.

"It is," said Bill Jessup.

"Then they get it," snapped back the law man.

As though waiting for those words, the door opened, and a group of indians, headed by Chief Long Feather entered.

"Now give the chief the money you collected. All of this and every cent you got in the past."

Bill Jessup and his men noticed the redskins were all armed with the latest model Winchesters. He handed the money to the Chief.

"You have forty-eight hours to get the balance of the money," threatened Albert Smith. "Otherwise I arrest you and your men for fraud."

Chief Long Feather held up his hands as a sign he wanted to talk. There was quiet.

"We are peaceful with those who keep peace with us," said the indian. "We need no bribery nor gift. This money I give back to all of you."

The money was returned. The entire gesture had been most effective. Three of Bill Jessup's men vanished. They mounted their horses and headed for what can best be called a "healthier climate."

Lee Quirk remained. He had something to show his boss. A picture and a news clipping.

"That faker," snarled Bill Jessup. "This calls for a show down. I can handle myself. You and Sam stay around for the fun."

The news spread somehow that Bill Jessup was going after the law man.

"I am going to kill you," announced Bill Jessup. "I can outshoot you."

"I shall have to arrest you for making a threat," retorted the law man. "Give up now without going for your gun."

Bill Jessup went for his gun. Before his hand reached the holster, three shots from Albert Smith's gun had shot the entire gun belt off the man. Then he arrested a scared prisoner.

"You could have killed me and didn't," whined Bill Jessup.

"Who are you really?"

"Two Gun Smith," interrupted the voice of Helen. "He merely returned early from Mexico. Seems Pedro Martiz, the bandit, fell from a mule and was killed. So my future husband wanted a peaceful vacation. Cut his hair and removed his mustache. That's the way he will continue to look."

The End

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BILLY THE KID

in SIX-GUN PROTEGE

FRESH FROM THE EAST AND RIGHT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY CATTLE WAR STEPPED DUDE JOHN LANNEN, TOO GREEN TO KNOW WHOM TO FEAR, HE ALMOST CAUGHT A DOSE OF LEAD POISONING A HALF HOUR AFTER HE ARRIVED. THEN HE MET WILLIAM BONNEY, BETTER KNOWN AS BILLY THE KID -- AND HE LEARNED THE ART OF STAYING ALIVE IN A LAND WHERE THAT WASN'T EASY!



ONLY TWO HOURS BEFORE THAT, JOHN LANNEN HAD STEPPED OFF THE DAILY TRAIN...



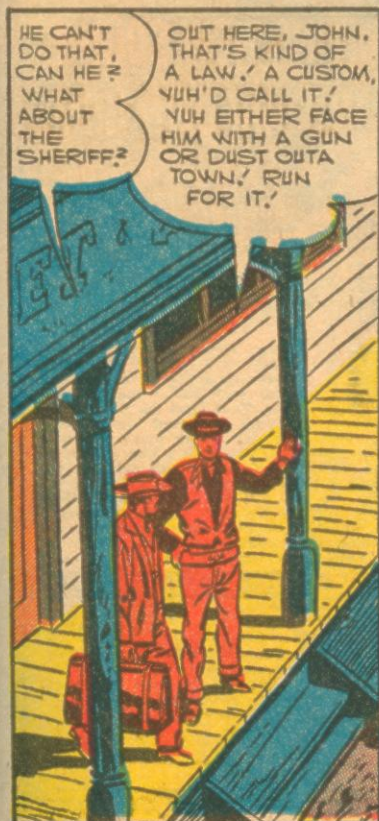
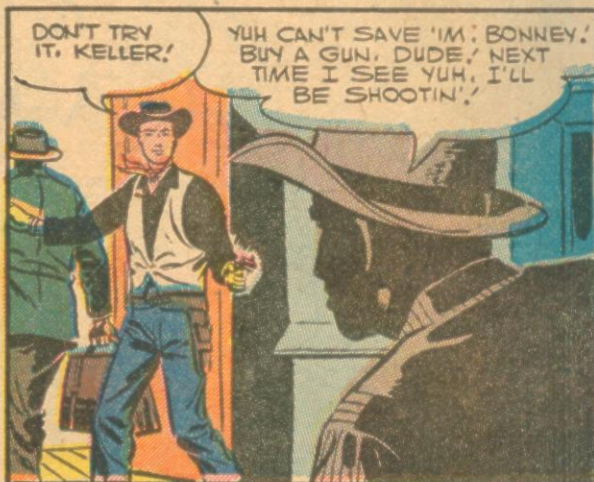
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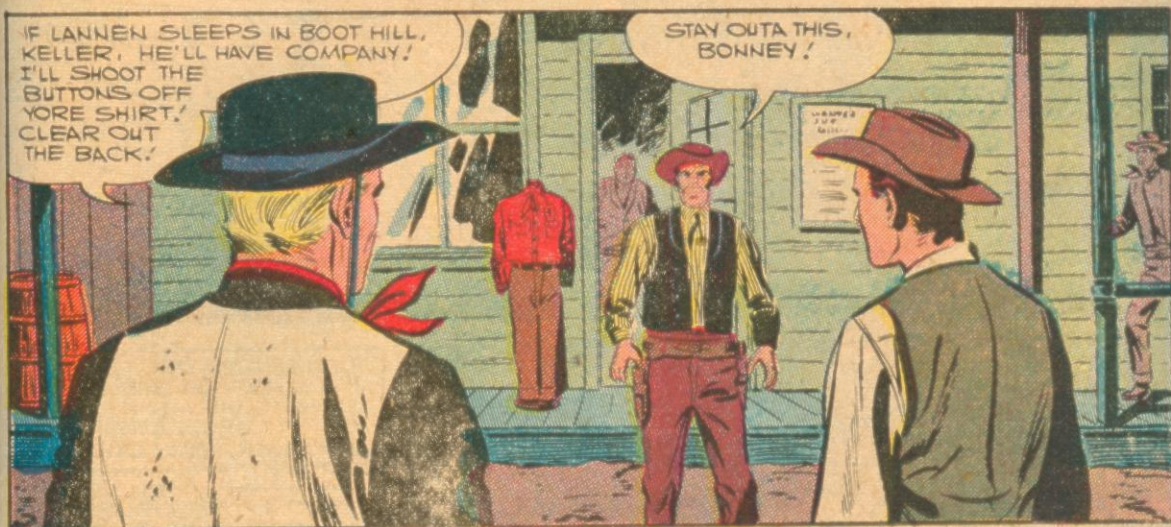
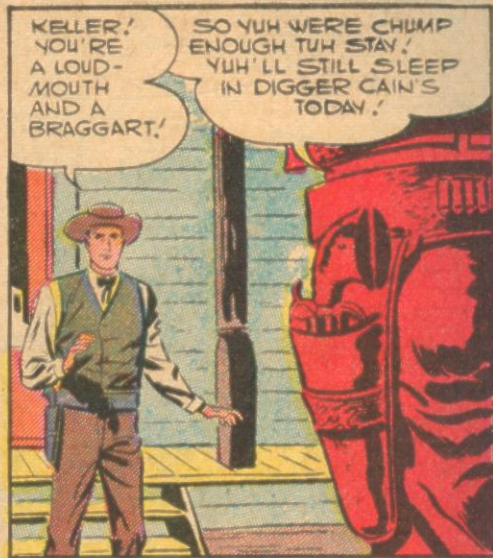
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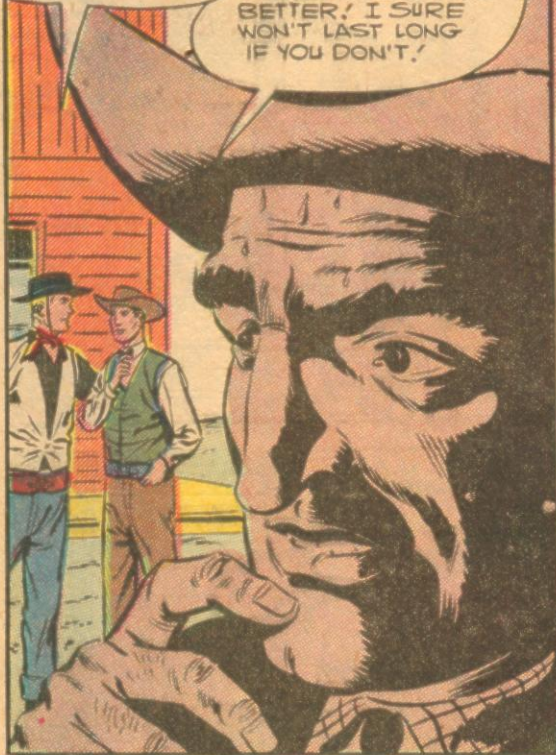
HE'S YELLA, LANNEN! COME ON--RIDE OUT WITH ME TUH THE LINE CAMP AN' I'LL SHOW YUH HOW TUH HANDLE A SHOOTIN' IRON!

I...I GUESS YOU'D BETTER! I SURE WON'T LAST LONG IF YOU DON'T!

AFTER A STOP AT THE HARDWARE STORE FOR MORE SHELLS, BILLY AND, HIS PROTEGE RODE OUT. THE KID WAS WORKING AS A LINE RIDER THEN...

YOU WORK OUT HERE ALONE, BILLY? IT MUST GET LONESOME!

I KEEP BUSY--PRACTICING WITH MY SIX-SHOOTER MOSTLY!



BILLY THE KID STARTED THE LESSONS THAT SAME DAY...

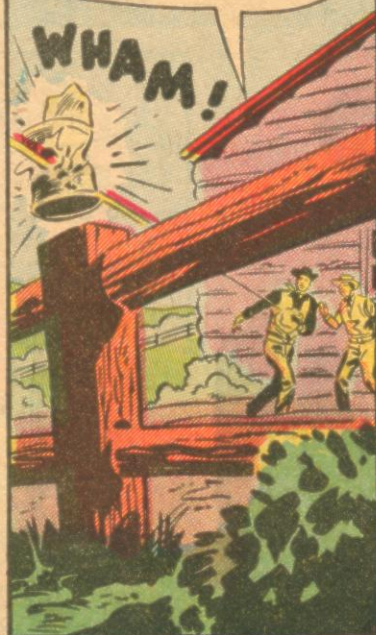
WATCH ME CAREFULLY! ALWAYS REMEMBER A GUN IS EITHER A DANGEROUS LIABILITY OR A NECESSARY ASSET IN A TIME OF DANGER...



... IT MUST BE USED ONLY AS AN ABSOLUTE LAST RESORT AND ALWAYS WITH ACCURACY AND JUDGEMENT. AIM TO DISARM WHENEVER YOU POSSIBLY CAN!

IF YUH HEAR SOMEONE CALL YOUR NAME--COME AROUND FAST! CHANCES ARE HE'S GOT A GUN AIMED RIGHT AT YOUR BRISKET!

WHAM!



JOHN LANNEN BURNED UP THOUSANDS OF SHELLS, LEARNING THE ART FROM THE MASTER. AFTER A MONTH AND A HALF, BILLY CALLED A HALT...

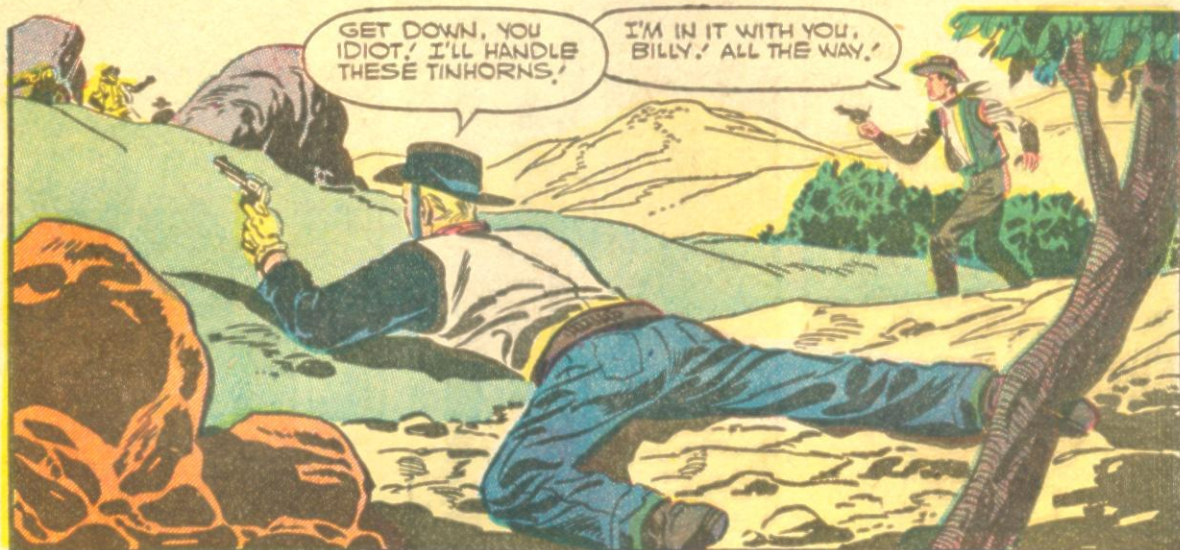
I TAUGHT YUH ALL YUH CAN LEARN, JOHN, FROM NOW ON, IT'S UP TO YOU!

I'LL REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD ME, BILLY!



MASKED RAIDER

BUT BILLY HAD OTHER THINGS TO DO BESIDES TEACHING A TENDER-FOOT HOW TO USE A GUN. THERE WERE CATTLE MISSING...



THE THIRD RUSTLER GOT AWAY. BILL BONNEY AND JOHN LANNEN PACKED THE TWO WOUNDED MEN TO A DOCTOR IN TOWN.

HELLO, BILLY! I SEE YOUR PROTEGE IS STILL ALIVE AND KICKIN'.

YEP--GOT A GOOD CHANCE TUH STAY THAT WAY TOO. SEE FRITZ KELLER AROUND?



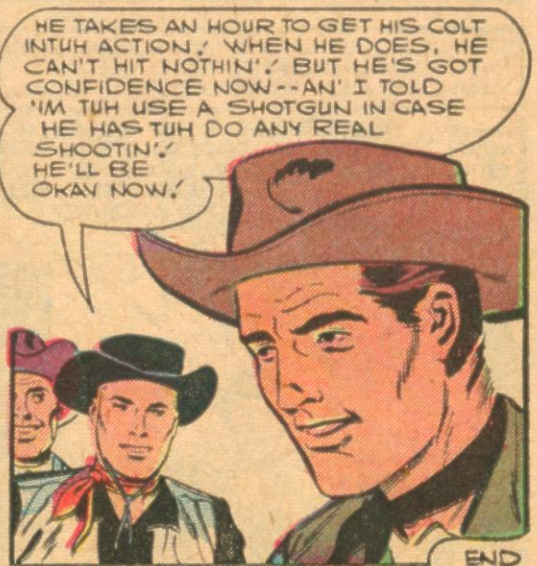
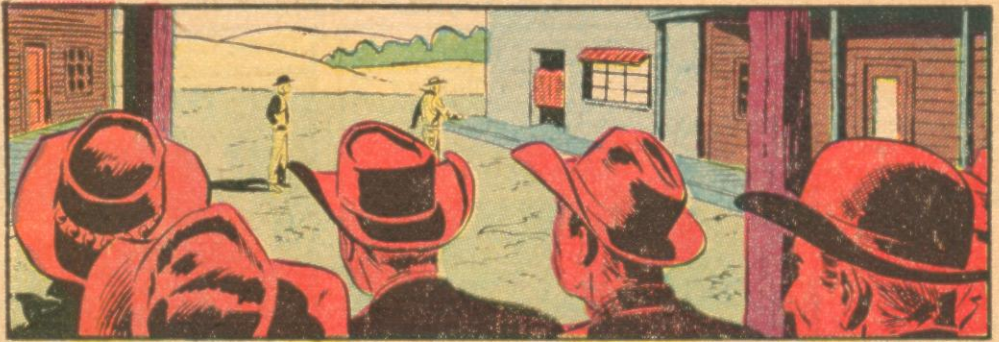
KELLER! I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE. COME OUT, YOU RUSTLIN' TINHORN!

YUH TELL 'M, JOHN! JUST REMEMBER-- YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!



MASKED RAIDER

THE
TENDER-
FOOT'S
SUDDEN,
CLEAR
CHALLENGE
STOPPED
ALL MOVE-
MENT
IN TOWN...
THEY WAITED
FOR THE
NOTORIOUS
GUNSLINGER
TO ACCEPT
OR CRAWL...



END

MASKED RAIDER

MASKED RAIDER

And TALON the
Golden Eagle

WHEN LES WILCOX, THE MILD MANNERED LAWYER OF BOULDER CITY PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY CITIZENS, A GIFT TO FRED MARTIN, HE DID NOT SUSPECT THAT THE HOURS OF FRED'S LIFE WERE NUMBERED! THE GRIM TRAGEDY SHOOKED THE QUIET LAWYER, BUT IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY AS THE MASKED RAIDER, HE WAS ABLE TO MEET CUNNING WITH CUNNING AND VIOLENCE WITH VIOLENCE!

THE GOLD WATCH!



LES WILCOX SEEMED LIKE THE BEST ONE SUITED FOR PRESENTING THE GIFT OF APPRECIATION TO FRED MARTIN--

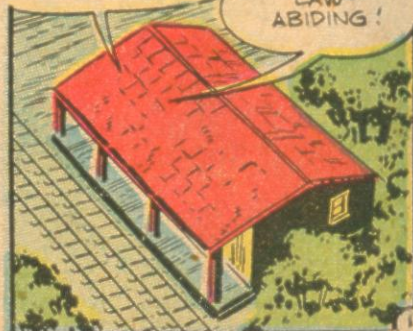
FRED, THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY ARE HAPPY TO PRESENT YOU WITH A THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THIS GOLD WATCH AND CHAIN IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR WORK!

I'M SORT OF OVERCOME, LES!



BECAUSE OF THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE FOLKS, THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE THAT I ORGANIZED WONT STOP, EITHER, TILL THIS COUNTY IS SWEEPED CLEAN OF LAWLESSNESS!

HAVING USED THE MEN YOU TRAINED AS DEPUTIES, THE SHERIFFS ABOUT HERE HAVE GONE A LONG WAY IN MAKING THIS COUNTY LAW-ABIDING!



MASKED RAIDER

THERE WERE BANQUETS AND SPEECHES. AT LAST---

I RECKON THIS OUGHT TO SHOW YOU HOW WE FEEL ABOUT YUH, FRED!



THANKS, MR. DAWSON! AND I'LL SAY THIS! ONLY THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING CATTLE IN THESE PARTS HASN'T BEEN SOLVED YET! THAT'S THE NEXT BUSINESS THE DEPUTIZED CITIZENS WILL WORK ON!



IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT WHEN FRED MARTIN TOOK THE TRIP HOMEWARD. HIS HEART WAS LIGHT AND HE DID NOT SEE THE MOVING SHADOWS IN THE DARKNESS BEHIND THE ROCK---



HERE HE COMES! I GOT 'IM IN MY SIGHTS!

WAIT-- WE ALL FIRE AT ONCE! THE BOSS WANTS NO MISTAKES ON THIS JOB!



NOW LET'S GIT OUT OF HERE!



SOME WEEKS LATER---

WAL, WHAT ARE YUH GOING TO DO? JUST SIT THERE AND LET FRED MARTIN'S KILLERS GET AWAY?

WHAT CAN I DO? I'M A LAWYER! I CAN'T VERY WELL DO ANYTHING LEGAL TO FIND THEM!



MASKED RAIDER

IF I WAS IN YORE SHOES I'D BE SCOURIN' THE HILLS TILL I HAD 'EM. LEGAL! BAH! YORE A MILKSOP!

NO USE ARGUING, DAD! I'M GOING OUT FOR A WHILE!

OH, LES, I JUST CAME BY TO SEE IF YOU'D COME FOR SUPPER TONIGHT!

NO, THANKS, POLLY. I'LL HAVE TO MISS IT! I WANT TO GO OUT AND SORT OF THINK OVER SOME THINGS. HOPE YOU DON'T THINK I'M RUDE!

AND I THINK I KNOW WHAT HE HAS ON HIS MIND! --- FRED MARTIN'S MURDER! -- AND IF I KNOW LES, HE'LL FIND THE ANSWER, TOO!



LATER IN THE MOUNTAINS, LES RODE HIGH TO A LEVEL SPOT.

YOU'RE NOT WHITE STAR, BOY, BUT YOU TAKE THIS MOUNTAIN TRAIL VERY WELL! NOW WHOA, BOY!



LES HAD COME UP EVERY DAY SINCE THE MURDER! IT HAD BEEN A USELESS JOURNEY ----

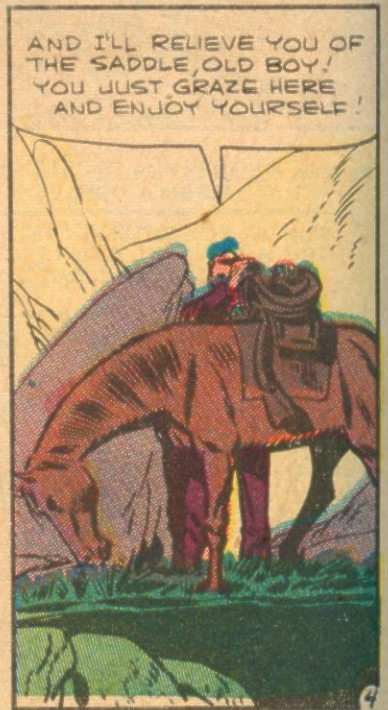
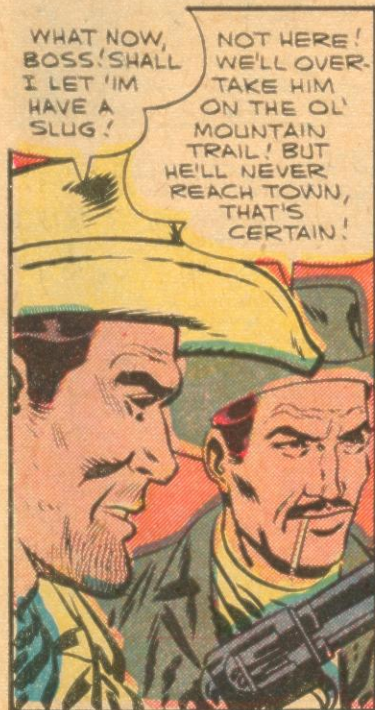
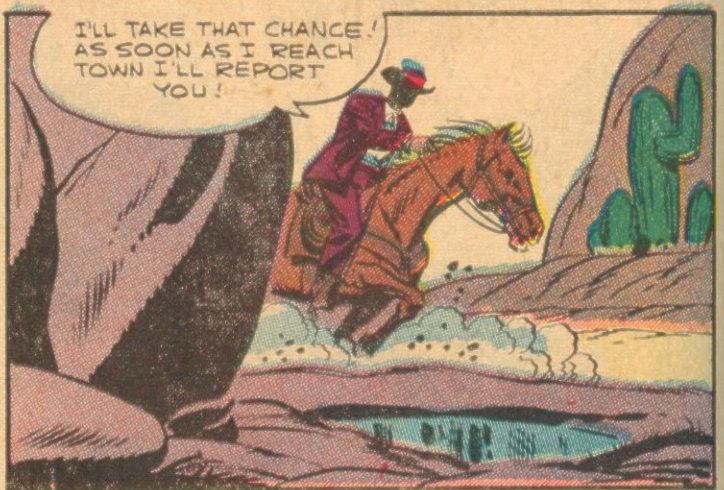
BUT THROUGH THE GLASSES LES SAW BRANDING BEING DONE!

I HAVE SOMETHING! THIS COULD BE THE ANSWER! THIS IS NOT BRANDING SEASON!



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A FEW MINUTES LATER---



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I THOUGHT I'D FIND YOU HERE, TALON! NOW WHERE HAVE YOU LEFT WHITE STAR?

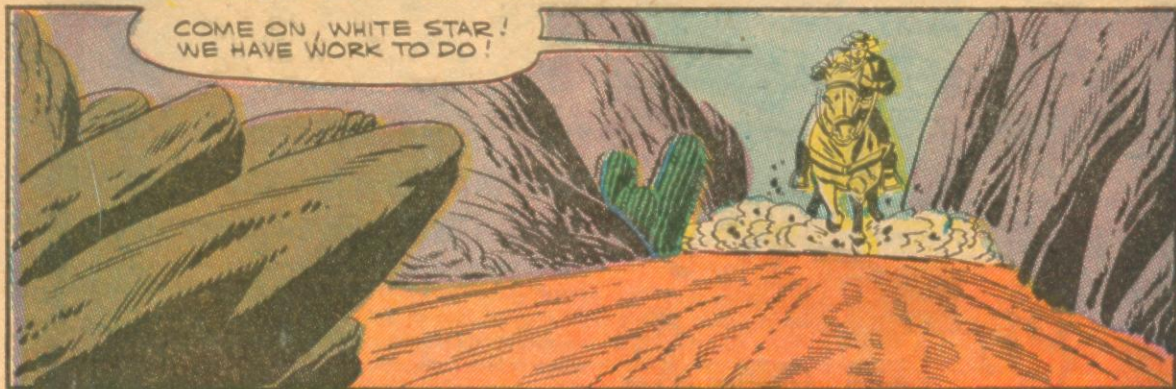
RIGHT ON HAND, WHITE STAR! WELL, BOY, WE HAVE PLENTY TO DO!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER LES BECAME THE MASKED RAIDER.

TALON HAS LOCATED THEM ALREADY, WHITE STAR! THEY DIDN'T LOSE MUCH TIME GETTING ON THE TRAIL!



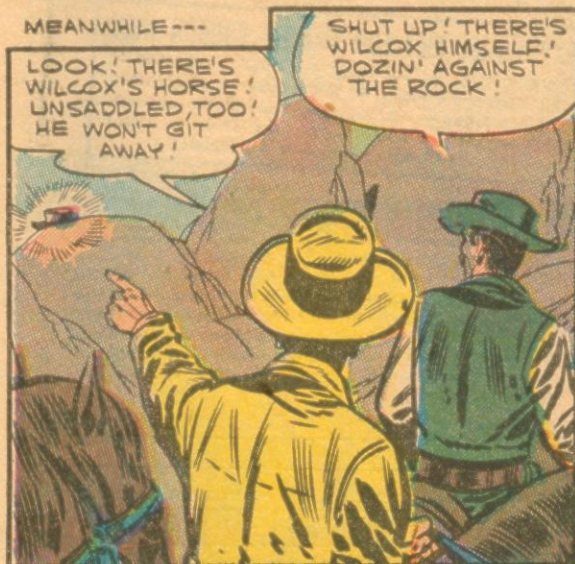
COME ON, WHITE STAR! WE HAVE WORK TO DO!



MEANWHILE---

LOOK! THERE'S WILCOX'S HORSE! UNSADDLED, TOO! HE WON'T GIT AWAY!

SHUT UP! THERE'S WILCOX HIMSELF! DOZIN' AGAINST THE ROCK!



WAL, HERE'S THE END 'O' THE MEDDLESOME LAWYER!



MASKED RAIDER

IT'S A TRICK! ALL RIGHT,
COME OUT WITH YORE
HANDS UP, WILCOX!



WITH BODY LITHE AND TIGHT AS STEEL, THE
MASKED RAIDER WENT INTO ACTION!

DON'T SEE MR. WILCOX,
BUT MAYBE I'D DO!

MASKED
RAIDER!



HELP! GIT THIS
COYOTE OFF
ME!

I'LL GET H--
AIYEEE-- THE EAGLE!



I GUESS YOU CAN
EXPLAIN WEARING
FRED MARTIN'S
GOLD WATCH
AND CHAIN!

ONE OF
MY MEN
GAVE IT
TO ME!
I DUNNO
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT!

THAT'S A
LIE! HE
HIRED US
TUH --
UH--



LATER--

WE GOT A COMPLETE
CONFESSION! DAWSON
ORDERED THE MURDER!
TOOK THE WATCH AND
MONEY TO MAKE IT LOOK
LIKE THEFT! REALLY
WANTED FRED OUT OF
THE WAY!

SOME DAY
WE'LL KNOW
WHO THE
MASKED
RAIDER
REALLY IS!
DON'T YOU
THINK SO, LES?

UH--OH,
SURE,
SURE!



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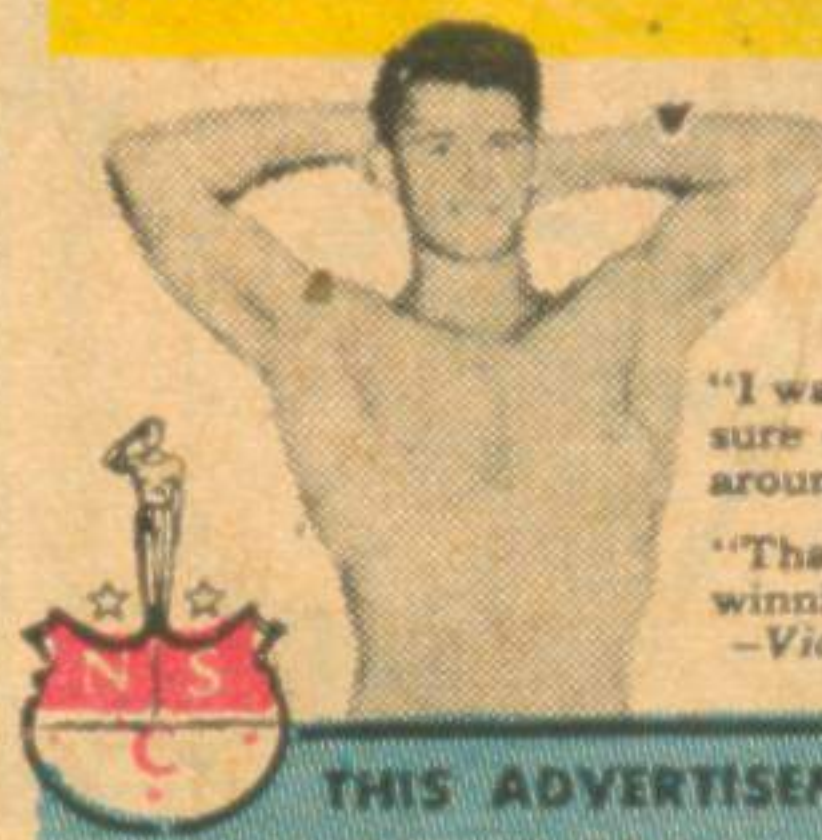
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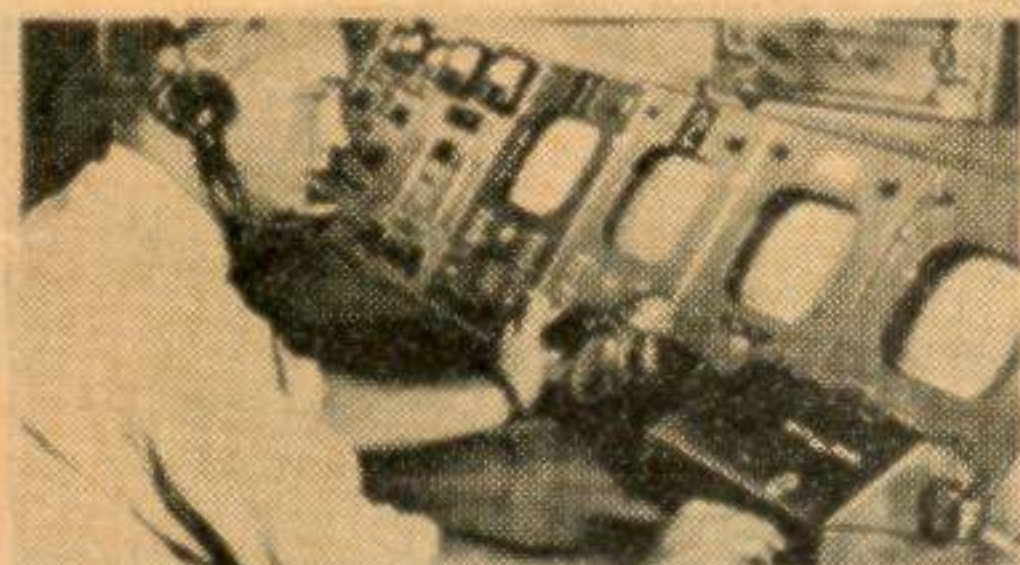
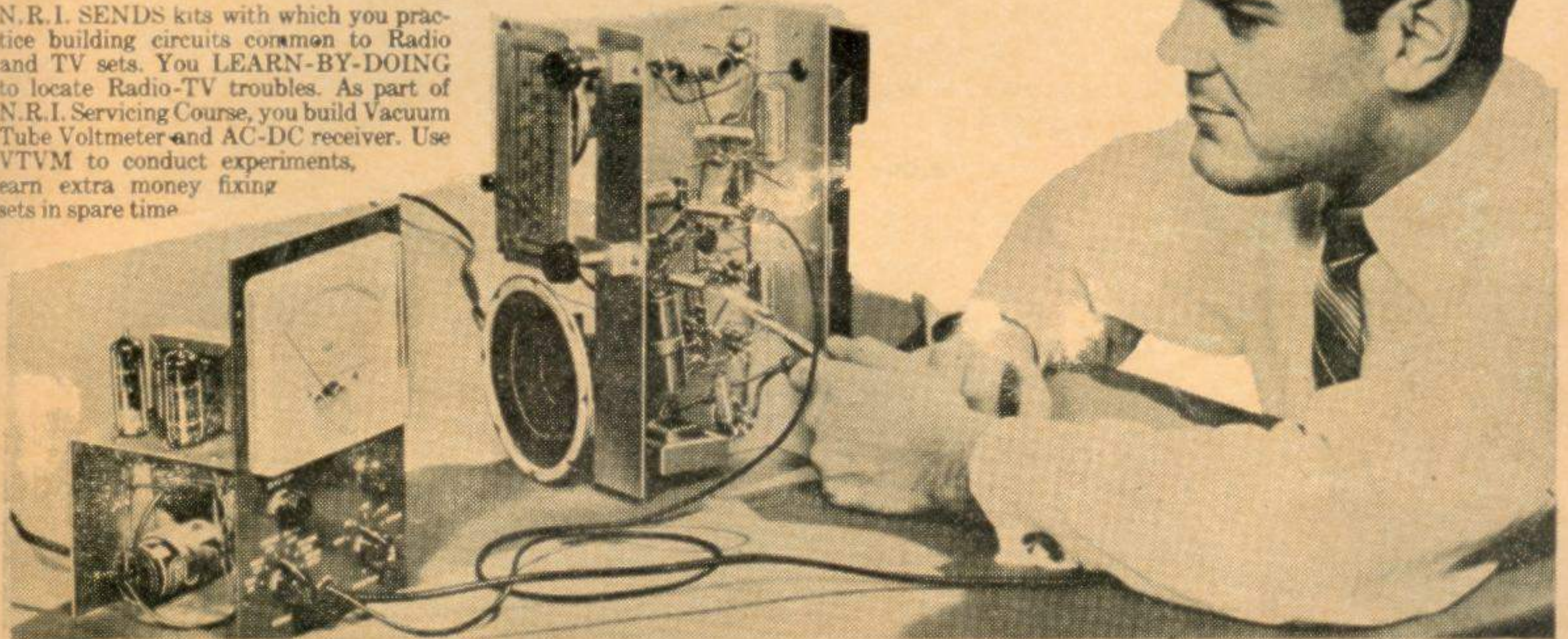
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